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SUBJ: YOUTH PARA

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I. A. PERCENTAGES: TEN-- YOUNG POLITICAL; FIVE-- YOUNG BUREAUCRATS; TEN-- MEDIA; FIVE-- CHURCH; TWENTY-- BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY (INCLUDING AGRICULTURE); TEN-- EDUCATION; TEN-- ARTS AND LETTERS; TEN-- UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS; TWENTY-- SELECTED FACULTIES.

B. RATIONALE: WE ASSESSED HOW EMBASSY GOALS AND AIMS CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED WITH SMALL STAFF AND VERY LIMITED FUNDS. MAJOR EFFORTS ARE WITH YOUNG MEMBERS OF ELITE AND IN FOSTERING AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM IN IRISH CURRICULA. IRELAND IS ONLY COUNTRY IN WESTERN EUROPE WITHOUT SOME FORM OF AMERICAN CIVILIZATION PROGRAM IN ITS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. EMBASSY STRIVES TO INSTALL CHAIRS IN AMERICAN STUDIES IN MAJOR UNIVERSITIES.

C. SO- CALLED GENERATION GAP IS NOWHERE NEAR AS PROMINENT A FORCE IN IRELAND AS IT IS IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. YOUTH MOVEMENTS, BY AND LARGE, ARE INSIGNIFICANT, NOTABLE EXCEPTION BEING DISSIDENT

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GROUP (SINN FEIN) ADVOCATING VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND SITUATION. IT WOULD BE FOOLHARDY FOR EMBASSY OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH SUCH A GROUP AT THIS POINT IN TIME. YOUNG FARMERS ORGANIZATION IS SERIOUS, IMPORTANT GROUP DESTINED TO PLAY INCREASING ROLE WITH IRELAND'S ENTRY INTO EEC.

II. A. PERCENTAGES: TEN-- DEVELOP RELATIONSHIP WITH POTENTIALLY AWARE YOUTH; THIRTY-- CREATE FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD U. S.; TWENTY-- PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF U. S; TEN-- INFLUENCE ATTITUDES ON SPECIFIC US INTERESTS; THIRTY-- FOSTER CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO US INVESTMENT.

B. IT IS VITAL THAT US MAINTAIN AND PROFIT FROM GOOD WILL EXTANT IN IRELAND. WITH RECENT ENTRY INTO EEC, IRELAND NOW NOTICEABLY LOOKING MORE AND MORE TOWARDS EUROPE AND LESS AND LESS TOWARDS U. S. TIES WITH US LESSENING DUE TO DECREASED IMMIGRATION. NO OBJECTIVE LISTED THIS SECTION IS ENTIRELY OVERLOOKED SINCE THEY ALL INTERACT UPON EACH OTHER.

III. A. PERCENTAGES: TWENTY-- CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TRAVEL GRANTS; FIVE-- AMERICAN PROFESSORS (LECTURING); FIVE-- CU SHORT- TERM AMERICAN GRANTEES; FORTY- FIVE-- CU AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS; TWENTY- FIVE-- USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING.

PRIVATE RESOURCES: EMBASSY HAS UTILIZED AMERICAN BUSINESSES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUTH TRAVEL GRANTS AND FOR ASSISTANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN EXHIBITS. EMBASSY HAS UTILIZED IRISH ORGANIZATIONS TO MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE FOR FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE ASSISTANCE IN PRESENTING CULTURAL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

IV. A. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH: MEDIUM.

B. AS STATED, GENERATION GAP AND YOUTH MOVEMENTS IN GENERAL ARE NOT DIVISIVE FORCES IN IRELAND AT PRESENT OR IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION AND POSSIBILITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT ARE OPEN TO THEM,
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ESPECIALLY IN SUCH IMPORTANT AREAS AS AGRICULTURE AND UNIVERSITY FACULTY.

C. 1. A. TEN PERCENT. TWELVE MONTHS.

B. PERCENTAGES: CONTACT WORK-- FORTY; REPORTING-- TEN; PROGRAM WORK-- FIFTY.

C. PERCENTAGES: STATE-- FORTY; USIA-- FIFTY;
DOD-- FIVE; OTHER (AGRICULTURE)-- FIVE.

2. PERCENTAGES: CU BUDGET-- TEN; USIA-- FIFTY.
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